ONGC

871. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether materials valued Rs. 35 lacs have been stolen from Sonapur stores of ONGC, West Bengal in January 1994;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry was conducted into the matter; and

(c) if so, the details of the findings and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Spare parts worth about Rs. 4 lakhs of a few old vehicles of ONGC were stolen from Sonarpur Stores of the Corporation in January, 1994.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Vigilance enquiry conducted by ONGC indicated that the spare parts of a few vehicles were removed by employees of the Security and Stores Departments of ONGC from the Sonarpur Stores in connivance with certain outsiders. Although one official of the Stores Department of ONGC was chargesheeted for major penalty, the Disciplinary Authority exonerated him of all the Charges since the Departmental Inquiry could not establish the charges. The final report of the Departmental Inquiry has since been completed by ONGC and action against the other chargesheeted employees will be taken as per the findings of the Inquiry Report.

Panipat Oil Refinery

872. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any policy of the Government to give preference in providing employment to the locals of the area in which the farmers are affected by acquisition of their land as has happened in the case of Panipat Oil Refinery (earlier named as Karnal refinery);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to frame such a policy to help the families which have been affected by acquisition of their agricultural land;

(d) whether the Government have recruited any persons from the local area so far; and

(e) if so, the number thereof showing the class to which they are recruited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Oil and Natural Gas Exploration Policy

873. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to have radical changes in the exploration policy of the oil and natural gas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposal to include private participation in exploration of oil and natural gas has also been further screened; and

(d) if so, to what extent the exploration of oil and natural gas in the country is likely to be boosted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d). No decision has been taken by the Government on the new Exploration Licensing Policy.

[Translation]

Budget Allocation

874. SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a reduction in the budget of Department of Science and Technology after introduction of new economic policies;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that recently a top most scientist has drawn attention towards pitiable condition of laboratories due to this reduction; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Condition of DDA Flats

875. PROF. AJIT KUMAR MEHTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that hundred of flats/houses built by the DDA a number of years back are still lying vacant and the condition of the houses is deteriorating;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for the houses lying vacant; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to find a viable solution to the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b). The DDA has reported that where services are available, the flats constructed by it are immediately offered to the registrants of the concerned Housing Scheme, of late, the process of allotment of flats has been delayed in some schemes because of non-availability of basic services, particularly electricity. This has led to some flats remaining vacant at site after construction. The details of the completed flats, where electicity is still not available, are as under :

SFS	:	1189
MIG	:	5539
LIG	:	6861
Janta	:	950
Total	-	14539

(c) Besides, the flats also remain vacant, despite allotment, due to the following reasons :

(i) Surrender of flats by the allottees.

(ii) Cancellation of flats on account of non-compliance of terms and conditions of allotment by the allottees.

(iii) Time taken in the process of re-allotment of cancelled/surrendered flats.

(iv) Court cases.

(d) Regular coordination meetings are held at different levels for expediting the availability of electricity.

Shifting of Accommodation

876. SHRI P.S. GADHAVI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the details of action taken by the Government for shifting of Government accommodation granted to various persons for security reasons; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b). In the light of the various directions received from the Supreme Court, revised guidelines have been framed with the approval of the competent authority to allot general pool residential accommodation on security grounds. The revised guidelines may please be seen in the enclosed Statement. The existing allotment to protectees who are in occupation of Government accommodation are also being reviewed as per the revised guidelines and only thereafter accommodation shall be got vacated from ineligible persons.

STATEMENT

(i) The general pool accommodation shall be allotted to only those persons who are in the Z+ security category.

(ii) There must be a clear nexus with the public interest to justify the allotment of general pool accommodation to such persons. Ministry of Home Affairs would examine in each case that allotment of Government accommodation to a person in the Z+ category is in public interest and the security threat to the person has emanated from the duties performed in public office held by him in the past. Ministry of Home Affairs should also opine whether it is absolutely necessary to provide the person concerned a house in Delhi.

(iii) On receipt of a request from the persons concerned for allotment of Government accommodation on security grounds, Ministry of Home Affairs will carry out an exercise to ascertain whether a person in the Z+ security category owns a house in Delhi in his or Spouse name and whether security arrangements can be provided in that house itself.

(iv) Further action to provide a Government accommodation to the protectees in Delhi shall be taken by the Dte. of Estates, based on the recommendations of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(v) Not higher than Type-VI accommodation shall be allotted to such protectees and it could be even lower depending upon the threat perception in individual cases.

(vi) The applicant shall confirm his willingness/capacity to pay the market rent/special licence fee in advance and continuous default in payment of prescribed rent for three months or more would render him liable for eviction.

(vii) Market rate of licence fee shall be charged for the Government accommodation so allotted to a protectee. In case the protectee has a house in Delhi, he must surrender the same to the Government for the period of his occupation of Government accommodation. In such cases, special licence fee shall be charged for the period of occupation of Government accommodation instead of market rent.

(viii) The allotment shall be for a period of one year and can be extended for a further period of one year at a time, subject to CCA, being